



**NEW SOUTH WALES**

**18 January 2022**

**CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S MEMORANDUM NO. 25A- COVID-19**

The Local Court of NSW continues to be severely affected by COVID cases.

Accordingly, the Chief Magistrate, His Honour Judge Peter Johnstone, in consultation with stakeholders, has made the decision to vacate all defended hearings (including hearings where the defendant is in custody) state wide up until and including Friday 4 February 2022. The matters will remain listed for callover. Parties who are legally represented are excused from attendance and legal practitioners can appear via AVL or email to seek a further hearing date. Unrepresented parties are directed to make contact with the appropriate court registry, prior to the hearing date and advise of any unavailable dates so that the matter can be given a further hearing date.

Until further notice, all other matters are to proceed in accordance with Memorandum 24.

*Peter Johnstone*  
Judge Peter Johnstone  
Chief Magistrate

